

# EYE ON IRAQ

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**The Iraqi people, with help from coalition nations, continue to succeed in reconstruction, economic development and fighting terrorism**



## **Cadets first to graduate from year-long military training**

AL RUSTAMIYAH, Iraq – The first class of cadets for the new Iraqi Army graduated from the Iraqi Military Academy Al Rustamiyah (IMAR) Jan. 19.

"I am very proud of myself and the other graduates," said newly commissioned Lt. Raad through the aid of an interpreter. "Today is also a great day for the Army."

Instructors at the academy say they are proud of today's graduating class.

"These soldiers have set the bar high for the next class," said U.S. Army Maj. Joseph Brunetti, IMAR assistant chief instructor. "Today's graduates are truly ready to be leaders in the Iraqi Army."

**Graduating ceremony for the 73 graduates who completed 52-weeks of intensive military training in order to become officers in the new Iraqi Army.**

The officers will now join military units throughout Iraq to fill junior officer appointments in all branches of the Iraqi Army.